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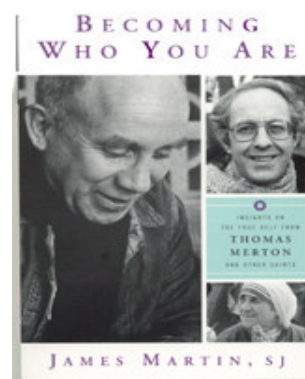
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Pictured left to right are panel members Dr. Barbara Finan, Dr. Michael Dougherty and Dr. Leo Madden

Dominican Conversation Circles Session Features Faculty Panel



On the evening of September 12, 2007, The Center for Dominican Studies launched the 2007-2008 **Dominican Conversation Circles Dinner Sessions**. The topic *Insights on Becoming Fully Human: Discovering the True Self* was inspired by the new core curriculum freshman seminar that addresses the question "What Does it Mean to Be Human?" Sixty-two enthusiastic participants of administrators, students, faculty, staff, and friends of ODU were highly engaged by the faculty panel featuring **Dr. Barbara Finan**, (Professor of Theology), **Dr. Michael Dougherty** (Assistant Professor of Philosophy) and **Dr. Leo Madden** (Assistant Professor of Theology). The book entitled *Becoming Who You Are: Insights on the True Self from Thomas Merton and Other Saints* written by noted author James Martin, S.J. served as a springboard for the reflections shared by the panel. Participants were impressed with the scholarly, personal and unique way in which each of the speakers shared their insights on this important question which each of us must answer as we live out the reality of our journey as a creature of God in the human community. The dialogue continues!





Fr. John D. Corbett, O.P.

Dominican Conversation Circles Dinner Session Two featured **Fr. John D. Corbett, O.P.**

Fr. John D. Corbett, O.P., a Dominican friar of the Eastern Province, was featured as guest speaker at the Dominican Conversation Circles dinner held on **November 8, 2007** in the Colonial Room of Sansbury Hall. Sixty-five participants gathered to hear Fr. Corbett address the topic ***Reflections on Friendship: A View from Aquinas***. Fr. Corbett completed his doctoral studies at the University of Fribourg in Switzerland. His dissertation focused on the theology of virtue in the thought of Thomas Aquinas. He currently serves on the faculty of the Pontifical Faculty of the Immaculate Conception, Dominican House of Studies in Washington, D.C., where he teaches fundamental moral theology.

Fr. Corbett opened his reflections on friendship with consideration of what it means to be a human being and member of a community. Throughout his talk, he called the listener to consider theological, moral and practical aspects of friendship. He noted that St. Thomas Aquinas made friendship a central point of all his theological works. Aquinas did so by defining charity, doubtless the epitome of Christianity, as friendship. Fr. Corbett intertwined his talk with humorous personal scenarios of his own life experience that were insightful and challenging. The talk ignited a lively question and answer session.

“There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.” (St. Thomas Aquinas)



Bishop James Griffin **Ohio Dominican’s Interim President** **Addressed the Topic: *Immigration: The Christian Response***

The first **Truth Seekers Luncheon Reflection Series** was held on November 8, 2007. Over sixty participants came together to consider a most relevant topic that is being faced by the world community, immigration. Central to Bishop Griffin’s talk was a focus on how important it is for us to know the history and facts that surround the immigration issue so that we might respond appropriately to members of the immigrant community who are suffering and oppressed, especially in our own country. He noted that we must be vigilant in becoming educated about church teaching on migration and immigrants, so that we might join in advocating for comprehensive immigration policy reform whenever we have the opportunity. Bishop Griffin’s talk was infused with insights from the bishops’ pastoral letters and statements concerning the immigration debate as well as the principles of Catholic social teaching. A lengthy discussion followed.



Bishop James Griffin

“Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing. I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.” (Matthew 25)



A Symposium: The Role of Mary in the Church

September 22, 2007

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Matesich Theatre and Christ the King Chapel



Bishop Frederick Campbell greets participants as they arrive at the Symposium.

On Saturday, **September 22, 2007**, one hundred twenty participants gathered in the Matesich Theatre to hear keynote speaker **Bishop Frederick Campbell** speak on the topic *The Role of Mary and the Church*. This initial address set the tone for the symposium that engaged a variety of theologians, and religious educators, diocesan personnel and members of the ODU community in a day of study and reflection on Mary the Mother of the Church. Following the keynote address, **Bishop James Griffin**, Interim President, gave an informative and inspiring talk on Our Lady of Guadalupe. The assembly then gathered in Christ the King Chapel to celebrate the Eucharist. After the luncheon held in the Colonial Room, members attended two concurrent sessions selected from the following: “Mary and the Visual Arts” featuring **Sr. Thoma Swanson, O.P.**, Dominican artist, teacher and Peruvian missionary, “Mary in the Scriptures” featuring **Fr. Bertrand A. Buby**, S.M., S.T.D., Director of the International Marian Research Institute of the University of Dayton and “Reading Magisterial Documents about Mary” featuring **Sr. M. Jean Frisk**, also from The International Marian Research Institute of the University of Dayton. The event was met with great enthusiasm and interest in continuing the Symposium event on an annual basis.



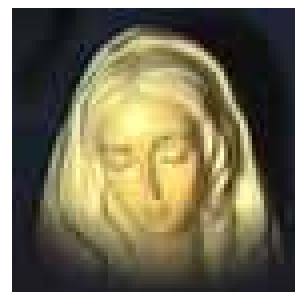
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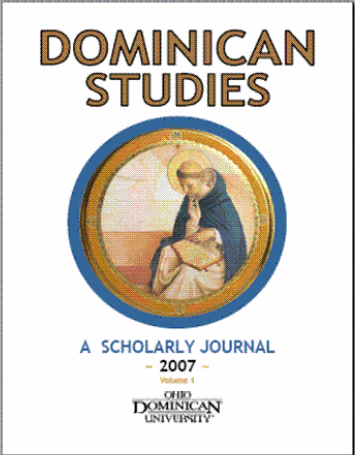
Dominicans Preach through Word and Music!



Dominican **Sister Eileen Gannon**, the United Nations Representative of the Dominican Order in the United States delivered the first of a series of **Dominican Life of the Mind** lectures for 2007-2008, on October 2nd. Her topic, ***One People, One Planet, One Spirit***, drew a crowd of approximately 100 participants that included a large number of ODU students and faculty. As Sr. Eileen shared statistics related to the poverty, hunger and oppression of so many members of the world community, the audience responded with compassion and interest. Many expressed gratitude to Sister Eileen for her commitment to global issues.



The new Motherhouse chapel of the Dominican Sisters of St. Mary of the Springs was the venue for a concert entitled *Preaching for Justice through Music*. Leading the concert was **Fr. Jim Marchionda** a Dominican priest, preacher, composer, conductor, singer and woodwind instrumentalist. Fr. Jim has composed over 200 sacred music compositions and his ministry successfully combines the Dominican charism of preaching with a professional career in music. He was accompanied by **John Angotti** who brings his musical talents as a published composer for World Library Publications. The inspiring music included congregational singing that was interwoven with preaching on the Scriptures.



The cover of the journal 'Dominican Studies' features a circular illustration of a Dominican friar in prayer. The text on the cover includes 'DOMINICAN STUDIES', 'A SCHOLARLY JOURNAL', '2007', 'Volume 1', and 'OHIO DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY'.

We are proud to present the inaugural issue of **Dominican Studies**, a scholarly journal published by the Center for Dominican Studies at Ohio Dominican University. It is our hope that in keeping with the Dominican tradition of sharing the fruits of one's study and contemplation, this issue will be another valuable venue for sharing "the holy preaching".

[Please click on the journal cover to view the journal online.](#)

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